

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A composition for topical use for alleviating curing cutaneous pathologies dermatitis infections including pyodermatitis, dermatitis, eczema and cutaneous blemishes, the composition comprising ~~characterized in that it contains as an active ingredient~~ triethyl citrate as an active ingredient, said triethyl citrate being either pure or in combination with synergists.

2. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, which contains triethyl citrate in a percentage by weight of 0.1 to 99.9. preferably from 5 to 50 percent.

3. (Original) A composition according to claim 2, which contains triethyl citrate in a percentage by weight of 5.0 to 50.0 percent.

4. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 1, containing the active ingredient represented by triethyl citrate in association with at least one of the additional substances chosen ~~between~~ from trans - retinal acid, retinol, retinaldehyde, tocopherol, ascorbic acid, p-aminobenzoic acid, rutin, β -Carotene, tiamin, riboflavin, pyridoxine, pyridoxale, niacin, nicotinic acid, nicotinamide, pantothenic acid, pantenol, glucosamine, aceylglucosamine, folic acid, lecithin, phosphlipids ~~such as, for example~~ phosphatidylcholine, phosphatidylethanolamine, phosphatidic acid, lyso-phosphatidylcholine, hydroquinone, oleic acid, linoleic acid, linolenic acid, ethyl oleate, ethyl linolenate, ethyl linoleate, Kojic acid,

ascorbyl glucoside, erythromycin, clindamycin, metronidazole, gentamicin, fusidic acid,
10 econazole, ketoconazole, mupirocin, neomycin, streptomycin, hydrogen peroxide, benzoyl
peroxide, cetylpyridinium, benzalkonium, chlorhexidine and relative salts and esters, silver and
relative salts, both organic and inorganic, hydroxyacids and β hydroxyacids, both mono and bi
carboxyls, such as glycolic acid, lactic acid (in the dextro and levorotatory forms and in racemic
mixtures) hydroxybutyric acid (in the dextro and levorotatory forms and in racemic mixtures),
15 mandelic acid (in the dextro and levorotatory forms and in racemic mixtures), tartaric acid (in
the dextro and levorotatory forms and in racemic mixtures), malic acid (in the dextro and
levorotatory forms and in racemic mixtures), salicylic acid, 3-hydroxybenzoic acid, 4 -
hydroxybenzoic acid, cysteine, acetyl cysteine, glycine, used singularly or in association with
one or more including the relative salts, esters and amides and the relative D-L-DL forms.

5. (Original) A composition according to claim 4, wherein said additional substances
are contained in a percentage by weight from 0.01 % to 50%, preferably from 0.5 to 15%.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of a~~ A composition containing triethyl citrate according
to claim 1, wherein said composition containing triethyl citrate is used as a pharmaceutical
substance, said composition containing triethyl citrate being applied to a skin portion of a user,
said skin portion being affected by one or more of pyodermatitis, dermatitis, eczema, cutaneous
5 blemishes and impetigo vulgaris, said composition containing triethyl citrate reducing said one
or more of pyodermatitis, dermatitis, eczema, cutaneous blemishes, atopic dermatitis and

impetigo vulgaris over a length of time at least for the treatment of cutaneous pathologies both directly and indirectly affected by infections of a bacterial origin.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~[[Use]]~~ A composition according to claim 6, wherein said composition of a composition containing triethyl citrate is used in combination with an antibiotic for treating said skin portion affected by said one or more of pyodermatitis, dermatitis, eczema, cutaneous blemishes and impetigo vulgaris ~~the treatment of cutaneous pathologies both directly and indirectly affected by infections of a bacterial origin.~~

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of a~~ A composition ~~containing triethyl citrate~~ according to claim 1, wherein said composition containing triethyl citrate is used as a cosmetic substance, said composition containing triethyl citrate being applied to a skin portion of a user, said skin portion having cutaneous blemishes, said composition removing said cutaneous blemishes over a length of time ~~at least for the treatment of cutaneous blemishes both directly and indirectly caused by a bacterial component.~~

9. (Currently Amended) A Method method ~~for the pharmaceutical or cosmetic cure~~ reducing dermatitis infections of the skin including pyodermatitis, dermatitis, eczema and cutaneous blemishes caused by a bacterial component, the method comprising: including the procedures to use

preparing a composition containing triethyl citrate as an active ingredient, either pure

or in combination with synergists; ~~to formulate said composition in a preparation for external use and to apply said preparation~~

applying a quantity of said composition on an external portion of skin of a user, said external portion of skin being affected by one or more of pyodermitis, dermatitis, eczema and cutaneous blemishes;

maintaining said composition for a length of time on said external portion of skin such that said composition reduces symptoms of said one or more of pyodermitis, dermatitis, eczema and cutaneous blemishes ~~and using a sufficient quantity on the skin for treatment of cutaneous pathologies directly or indirectly affected by infections of a bacterial origin such as, pyodermitis, dermatitis, eczema and cutaneous blemishes caused by a bacterial component.~~

10. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 2, containing the active ingredient represented by triethyl citrate in association with at least one of the additional substances chosen ~~between~~ from trans - retinal acid, retinol, retinaldehyde, tocopherol, ascorbic acid, p-aminobenzoic acid, rutin, β -Carotene, tiamin, riboflavin, pyridoxine, pyridoxale, niacin, nicotinic acid, nicotinamide, pantothenic acid, pantenol, glucosamine, aceylglucosamine, folic acid, lecithin, phosphlipids ~~such as, for example~~ phosphatidylcholine, phosphatidylethanolamine, phosphatidic acid, lyso-phosphatidylcholine, hydroquinone, oleic acid, linoleic acid, linolenic acid, ethyl oleate, ethyl linolenate, ethyl linoleate, Kojic acid, ascorbyl glucoside, erythromycin, clindamycin, metronidazole, gentamicin, fusidic acid, econazole, ketoconazole, mupirocin, neomocin, streptomycin, hydrogen peroxide, benzoil

peroxide, cetylpyridinium, benzalkonium, chlorhexidin and relative salts and esters, silver and relative salts, both organic and inorganic, hydroxyacids and β hydroxyacids, both mono and bi carboxyls, such as glycolic acid, lactic acid (in the dextro and levorotatory forms and in racemic mixtures) hydroxybutyric acid (in the dextro and levorotatory forms and in racemic mixtures),
15 mandelic acid (in the dextro and levorotatory forms and in racemic mixtures), tartaric acid (in the dextro and levorotatory forms and in racemic mixtures), malic acid (in the dextro and levorotatory forms and in racemic mixtures), salicylic acid, 3-hydroxybenzoic acid, 4 - hydroxybenzoic acid, cysteine, acetyl cysteine, glycine, used singularly or in association with one or more including the relative salts, esters and amides and the relative D-L-DL forms.

11. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 3, containing the active ingredient represented by triethyl citrate in association with at least one of the additional substances chosen ~~between~~ from trans - retinal acid, retinol, retinaldehyde, tocopherol, ascorbic acid, p-aminobenzoic acid, rutin, β -Carotene, tiamin, riboflavin, pyridoxine, pyridoxale, niacin,
5 nicotinic acid, nicotinamide, pantothenic acid, pantenol, glucosamine, acetylglucosamine, folic acid, lecithin, phospholipids ~~such as, for example~~ phosphatidylcholine, phosphatidylethanolamine, phosphatidic acid, lyso-phosphatidylcholine, hydroquinone, oleic acid, linoleic acid, linolenic acid, ethyl oleate, ethyl linolenate, ethyl linoleate, Kojic acid, ascorbyl glucoside, erythromycin, clindamycin, metronidazole, gentamicin, fusidic acid,
10 econazole, ketoconazole, mupirocin, neomycin, streptomycin, hydrogen peroxide, benzoyl peroxide, cetylpyridinium, benzalkonium, chlorhexidin and relative salts and esters, silver and

relative salts, both organic and inorganic, hydroxyacids and β hydroxyacids, both mono and bi carboxyls, such as glycolic acid, lactic acid (in the dextro and levorotatory forms and in racemic mixtures) hydroxybutyric acid (in the dextro and levorotatory forms and in racemic mixtures), mandelic acid (in the dextro and levorotatory forms and in racemic mixtures), tartaric acid (in the dextro and levorotatory forms and in racemic mixtures), malic acid (in the dextro and levorotatory forms and in racemic mixtures), salicylic acid, 3-hydroxybenzoin acid, 4 - hydroxybenzoin acid, cysteine, acetyl cysteine, glycine, used singularly or in association with one or more including the relative salts, esters and amides and the relative D-L-DL forms.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of a~~ A composition containing triethyl citrate according to claim 2, wherein said composition containing triethyl citrate is used as a pharmaceutical substance, ~~at least for the treatment of cutaneous pathologies both directly and indirectly affected by infections of a bacterial origin~~ said composition containing triethyl citrate being applied to a skin portion of a user, said skin portion being affected by one or more of pyodermitis, dermatitis, eczema, cutaneous blemishes and impetigo vulgaris, said composition containing triethyl citrate reducing said one or more of pyodermitis, dermatitis, eczema, cutaneous blemishes, atopic dermatitis and impetigo vulgaris over a length of time.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of a~~ A composition containing triethyl citrate according to claim 3, wherein said composition containing triethyl citrate is used as a pharmaceutical substance, said composition containing triethyl citrate being applied to a skin portion of a user,

said skin portion being affected by one or more of pyodermatitis, dermatitis, eczema, cutaneous blemishes and impetigo vulgaris, said composition containing triethyl citrate reducing said one or more of pyodermatitis, dermatitis, eczema, cutaneous blemishes, atopic dermatitis and impetigo vulgaris over a length of time at least for the treatment of cutaneous pathologies both directly and indirectly affected by infections of a bacterial origin.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of a~~ A ~~composition containing triethyl citrate~~ according to claim 4, wherein said composition containing triethyl citrate is used as a pharmaceutical substance, said composition containing triethyl citrate being applied to a skin portion of a user, said skin portion being affected by one or more of pyodermatitis, dermatitis, eczema, cutaneous blemishes and impetigo vulgaris, said composition containing triethyl citrate reducing said one or more of pyodermatitis, dermatitis, eczema, cutaneous blemishes, atopic dermatitis and impetigo vulgaris over a length of time at least for the treatment of cutaneous pathologies both directly and indirectly affected by infections of a bacterial origin.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of a~~ A ~~composition containing triethyl citrate~~ according to claim 5, wherein said composition containing triethyl citrate is used as a pharmaceutical substance, said composition containing triethyl citrate being applied to a skin portion of a user, said skin portion being affected by one or more of pyodermatitis, dermatitis, eczema, cutaneous blemishes and impetigo vulgaris, said composition containing triethyl citrate reducing said one or more of pyodermatitis, dermatitis, eczema, cutaneous blemishes, atopic dermatitis and

impetigo vulgaris over a length of time at least for the treatment of cutaneous pathologies both directly and indirectly affected by infections of a bacterial origin.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of a~~ A composition ~~containing triethyl citrate~~ according to claim 2, wherein said composition containing triethyl citrate is used as a cosmetic substance, said composition containing triethyl citrate being applied to a skin portion of a user, said skin portion having cutaneous blemishes, said composition removing said cutaneous blemishes over
5 a length of time at least for the treatment of cutaneous blemishes both directly and indirectly caused by a bacterial component.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of a~~ A composition ~~containing triethyl citrate~~ according to claim 3, wherein said composition containing triethyl citrate is used as a cosmetic substance, said composition containing triethyl citrate being applied to a skin portion of a user, said skin portion having cutaneous blemishes, said composition removing said cutaneous blemishes over
5 a length of time at least for the treatment of cutaneous blemishes both directly and indirectly caused by a bacterial component.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of a~~ A composition ~~containing triethyl citrate~~ according to claim 4, wherein said composition containing triethyl citrate is used as a cosmetic substance, said composition containing triethyl citrate being applied to a skin portion of a user, said skin portion having cutaneous blemishes, said composition removing said cutaneous blemishes over

5 a length of time ~~at least for the treatment of cutaneous blemishes both directly and indirectly~~
caused by a bacterial component.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of a~~ A composition ~~containing triethyl citrate~~ according
to claim 5, wherein said composition containing triethyl citrate is used as a cosmetic substance,
said composition containing triethyl citrate being applied to a skin portion of a user, said skin
portion having cutaneous blemishes, said composition removing said cutaneous blemishes over
5 a length of time ~~at least for the treatment of cutaneous blemishes both directly and indirectly~~
caused by a bacterial component.